

# Wounded Mexicans Seek Aid on American Side After Struggling Across River

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### Dollar Gas, New Year Gift of Harrisburg Co. to People of the City

**New Rate Starts Today: Was Heretofore \$1.10 Per 1,000 Cubic Feet; Cut Applies to Thousands of Consumers in City and County; Under Schedule Bills Must Be Paid Within Ten Days to Realize the Rebate; No Change Allowed to Large Consumers.**

A substantial new year's gift was presented to the people of Harrisburg this morning by the Harrisburg Gas Company in an official announcement of a reduction of rates. On and after today we shall have dollar gas. Heretofore it has been \$1.10 per cubic foot. About a year ago there was a reduction to large consumers when there was considerable complaint by the thousands of small consumers. It is stated by the company, however, that it was not possible to make a reduction all along the line a year ago, although the reduction which takes effect to-day was contemplated when the drop was allowed to the larger consumers.

In the schedule announced to-day there is no change in the rate allowed to the large consumers of a year ago, but the cut now applies to thousands in the city and county districts. Details are printed in an official announcement elsewhere in this paper.

A meeting of the directors of the company was held late yesterday afternoon and it was agreed that on and after to-day all consumers of gas up to 10,000 cubic feet should be charged \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet; for the next 20,000 feet, 80 cents; for the next 30,000 feet, 70 cents; and all over 50,000 feet 60 cents. This applies to all city consumers. In the county districts the rates will be \$1.05 per 1,000 cubic feet up to 10,000 feet; 95 cents for the next 20,000, 85 cents for the next 30,000 and 75 cents for all over 50,000 feet.

The Minimum Charge

There will be a minimum charge of 30 cents per meter per month, owing to the fact that over 5,000 consumers burn less than 30 cents' worth a month. This charge is made as low as could be consistently done and maintain the service. Elsewhere the minimum charge is about 50 cents a month, and in some cases \$1. Most electric companies have a minimum charge of \$1 per month.

It is provided under the new schedule that the new rate must be paid within ten days after the presentation of the bill; otherwise the old rate would prevail.

Between eight and nine thousand prepayment meters will have to be changed in order to register the new rate. This will take considerable time, but all consumers who pay the old rate will be rebated under the new schedule.

### YEAR JUST CLOSED BROUGHT HARRISBURG MANY A BLESSING

**Gigantic Municipal Improvements Started During 1913 Nearing Completion**

**BIGGER THINGS ARE PLANNED City Entering Upon Still Larger Period of Growth and Development**

The year just closed was the most important to Harrisburg in the history of the city. Movements were started which will have big future influence. Improvements that will complete a ten-year scheme were nearly completed, and the name of Harrisburg has been more than ever recognized among the cities of the East.

The biggest event of the year, perhaps, is the complete turn-about in the method of conducting the city government. A month of the new system of commission government has shown the city's ability to handle the new system.

Public improvements for which plans were made years ago had their actual beginning this year. These improvements actually began include the River front wall and the river dam, the monster Spring creek sewer, progress on the Paxton creek work and the completion of the river interceptor.

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### BOY STOLEN YEARS AGO RETURNS HOME. STURDY YOUNG MAN

**John James Hurley Taken From Mother's Home in Pennsylvania Finds Parent**

**WAS EDUCATED IN FAR WEST Never Known Positively Who Stole Lad and Placed Him in Training School**

*Special to The Telegraph*

Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 1.—John James Hurley and his mother, Mrs. William Hughes, of Sagamore, Pa., are two of the happiest people in that section at present. The son has just returned to his mother after being stolen away from her fourteen years ago. When the lad was taken from her he was 6 years old and now he is a well-built young man of 20 and weighing about 155 pounds.

When the young man stepped from a train at the little station on the Buffalo, Rochester, and Pittsburgh railroad there was a woman there who anxiously scanned every face that alighted from the train. This woman was Mrs. William Hughes, but when the long lost son alighted from the train she failed at first to identify in the sturdy-looking young man of 20 years of age the son that had been snatched from her fourteen years ago.

John Hurley, father of the boy, left Anita, a little town near Sagamore, a few weeks before the lad was born. According to the story told by Chief of Police Palmer, of Puxtanawney, the father went to the gold fields of Nevada, struck it rich and came back after about six years to get the lad. At the time he carried a satchel filled with gold. The mother refused to part with the son and following her refusal the father suggested to Officer Palmer that they steal the boy. The

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### New Britain Woman First to Profit by Law

*By Associated Press*

New Britain, Conn., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Jacob Decca, of this city, will probably be the first person to benefit by the workmen's compensation law which went into effect in this State at midnight. Her husband was injured this morning in a coal conveyor, of which Frank H. Johnston, president of the State Business Men's Association, is the principal owner. Mr. Johnston had Decca insured against accident and death yesterday.

Decca was receiving \$12 per week. Under the law his widow will receive \$190 for funeral expenses and \$5 a week for six years.

### AWAY GO PASSES

Thousands of folks who have enjoyed free transportation privileges on railroad and trolley lines, found it necessary to pay their fares to-day. The loss of the annual courtesies came as a result of the recent act of the Legislature. Railroad men themselves lose no privileges, but they cannot allow the passes to be used by the wives within the border lines of the State.

### SAW BODY IN RIVER?

Trainmen and passengers on Cumberland Valley train due in Harrisburg at 9.10 this morning reported a body apparently of a man, floating down the river near the Cumberland shore. Colonel Hutchison was notified and sent word to towns along the Susquehanna to be on the lookout for the body.

### TREE COMES DOWN TO-MORROW

The municipal Christmas tree will be illuminated to-night for the last time and will be taken down to-morrow following the removal of the lights and wires.

### WIFE OF SENATOR DIES

*By Associated Press*

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Carroll Smalley Page, wife of Senator Page, of Vermont, died suddenly late last night of heart failure at her home, Hyde Park, Vermont. News of her death was received here to-day.

### Looking Backward

In looking back over the year 1913 the management of the Telegraph cannot refrain from expressing a word of appreciation to its readers and advertising patrons for the generous support which has contributed to its gratifying business growth during the past twelve months.

### Advertising

More local advertising, more foreign advertising and more classified advertising was carried by the Telegraph during 1913 than by either of its contemporaries. The patronage accorded to the Telegraph to distance its nearest competitor, by approximately a half million lines of advertising and resulted in a growth over 1912 greater than the combined growth of the other two papers.

### Circulation

The sworn daily average circulation of the Telegraph during 1913 was 21,577. This army of readers, greater than that which follows the standard of any other Harrisburg paper, evidences the public's appreciation of the constant efforts put forth to provide for the homes of Harrisburg and vicinity a newspaper that shall not only present the happenings of the day in a clean, dependable and entertaining way, but shall do its utmost to aid in the development of a bigger, better Harrisburg.

### At the Threshold of 1914

It is pledged to a continuance of effort along the lines of public uplift and helpfulness, that it may merit the continued good will of readers and advertisers alike.

### We Thank You

For whatever part you have played in making possible our achievements of 1913 we thank you. To you and to all we extend best wishes for unmeasured happiness and prosperity, not only during 1914, but throughout all time to come.

### KIDNAPED YOUTH AND MOTHER UNITED



MRS. WILLIAM HUGHES AND SON, JOHN J. HURLEY

### "PHANTOM BANDITS" FIRE SHOTS THROUGH WINDOW AND ESCAPE

**Visitors Appear in Suburbs of Cannes and Then Mysteriously Disappear**

*By Associated Press*

Cannes, France, Jan. 1.—A further daring attempt at assassination was made early to-day by the criminals known as the "phantom bandits," who are infecting the country districts around Cannes. They fired two shots through a window of a large villa in the suburb of Ranguin, belonging to a prominent Parisian banker and the bullets missed two ladies seated at a table.

The bandits then disappeared and no further trace of them was discovered although the district swarmed with detectives specially detailed from Paris and Marseilles.

The terror inspired by these mysterious night criminals has attained such proportions that nothing will induce the peasants to leave their houses after dark. Doors and windows have been heavily barricaded everywhere in the vicinity and the prevailing fear is spreading even among foreign visitors at this winter resort.

The police authorities believe the bandits are part of a gang which terrorized the district for years and whose operations were stopped a year ago by the arrest of several of their leaders who are awaiting trial.

### High Cost of Auto Tires Attacked in Convention

*By Associated Press*

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Educators, economists, statisticians and psychologists were among those for whom the program of to-day's session of the American Society for the Advancement of Science was prepared. The speaker included Dr. Charles L. Parsons, chief chemist of the United States Bureau of Mines, general secretary of the American Chemical Society and Robert K. Dunbar, University of Pittsburgh, known for the industrial fellowships he originated. An attack on the cost of automobile tires was outlined by Charles P. Fox, of Akron, Ohio, who discussed the possibility of holly furnishing a substitute for rubber. Another possible use for cotton seed, that of a food for mankind was the subject of an address by C. A. Wells, of Experiment, Ga.

### EXTENSION OF WORK URGED

*By Associated Press*

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 1.—Extension of mission study work in State universities and higher educational institutions under government control, was urged in the report of the executive committee presented at to-day's session of the student volunteer convention by Dr. John R. Mott, its chairman.

### REBELS BEGIN THEIR ATTACK ON FEDERALS NEAR NUEVO LAREDO

**Homes on American Side of Border in Line of Fire Hurriedly Deserted**

*By Associated Press*

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 1.—Mexican rebels renewed their skirmishing on the outskirts of Nuevo Laredo an hour before dawn. Several hundred shots were fired. Preliminary fighting for possession of the town, now garrisoned by about 2,000 federals, had begun soon after midnight. Lulls in the firing were frequent.

Soon after the beginning of hostilities homes on the American side of the border that might be within line of fire were deserted.

### Wounded Mexicans Plead With American Soldiers

*By Associated Press*

Presidio, Texas, Jan. 1.—The battle of Ojinaga, Mexico, between the northern division of the federal army and rebels, continued this morning after having been in progress all night. Five or six hundred federals had already

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### Wilson May Meet John Lind on Board Cruiser

*By Associated Press*

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 1.—John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico, en route here from Vera Cruz on the scout cruiser Chester, had not arrived at 9 o'clock this morning. The President immediately after breakfast was informed that the Chester had not yet anchored at Ship Island, eight miles south of here, where the revenue cutter Winona was to meet Mr. Lind.

The weather was perfect to-day and the President decided that he might go to sea on the Winona and meet his envoy. While awaiting news of the Chester's arrival the President read scores of telegrams containing New Year greetings.

### Americans Congratulate Sir Ernest Shackleton

*By Associated Press*

New York, Jan. 1.—Messages congratulating Sir Ernest Shackleton and endorsing the route selected by him for his proposed dash across the great body of land between South America and the South Pole, yesterday were sent to London by officers of the Peary Arctic Club, the American Geographical Society and the American Museum of Natural History. Supplicating these messages, several officials expressed regret that American explorers had made no plans for such an expedition.

### Dr. Mudge to Come to Pine St. Church Soon



THE REV. LEWIS S. MUDGE, D. D.

Who Will Become Pastor of Pine Street Presbyterian Church Within Several Weeks.

The Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, D. D., of Lancaster, will become pastor of Pine Street Presbyterian Church within several weeks. Soon after Dr. Mudge's arrival in this city a reception will be given in his honor. Dr. Mudge is one of the foremost men of the Presbyterian Church.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY FORMALLY OPENED TO CITY'S PEOPLE

**Governor Tener, Mayor Royal and President Boyer Participate in Exercises**

**MRS. HALY'S BENEFACTIONS**

**Tribute Paid to Her Civic Spirit—Thousands Visit New Public Building**

Harrisburg's newest public building, the Library erected through the bequests of Mrs. Sara J. Haldeman-Haly and occupying a portion of the property which was her residence, was formally opened to the people of this city and vicinity to-day. Exercises lasting half an hour took place in the beautiful main library room and then the building was declared open by Charles Dull, president of the Board of Trustees, was visited by thousands of people.

The Library will remain open until late to-night and to-morrow will be an inspection day for those unable to visit it to-day and for young people and children, for whom there will be special hours from 11 to 7 o'clock. Saturday the free book service will begin. The only requirement necessary to obtain books is to register name and address. Hundreds of names were entered up to an early hour this afternoon. Governor John K. Tener, State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery, Mayor John K. Royal, President Harry A. Boyer, of the School Board, B. M. Nead, who made the historical address to-day, and Hon. B. F. Meyers, heading the reception list. Many prominent men and women of the State's Capital City, and its suburbs entered their names.

The exercises were attended by people of all walks of life in Harrisburg and popular appreciation of the benefactions by Mrs. Haly to the association established years ago was expressed by every speaker. A portrait of the speaker's stand was placed a portrait by Sully of Mrs. Haly, showing her as the beautiful young bride of William

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### Secretary and Mrs. Bryan Entertain Diplomats

*By Associated Press*

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—New Year's Day in the capital passed over without a holiday reception for the first time in more than a century—for the first time since the day of President Monroe.

In the absence of President Wilson, taking a holiday vacation in the South, a breakfast to the diplomatic corps by Secretary and Mrs. Bryan was the principal social function of the day. More than 400 guests gathered with the Secretary of State at his home. Practically all the ambassadors, ministers and members of the embassy and legation staffs, with the women of their families, were present.

The breakfast was given in buffet style. Pineapple and grape juice punches were served and there were no wines.

### MINERS NOT SAFEGUARDED

*By Associated Press*

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1.—Eight hundred and forty miners employed in the Black Diamond mines of the Pacific Coast Coal Company refused to go to work yesterday, alleging that they were not properly safeguarded in the workings.

### THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy; Friday, cloudy and warmer; moderate winds. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature; moderate variable winds.

No material changes will occur in river stages or ice conditions.

**General Conditions**

There is a general rise of 2 to 18 degrees in temperature over nearly all the country west of the Mississippi river. It is 8 to 12 degrees colder in the East and in Northern New England.

**Temperature:** 8 a. m., 25. Rises, 7:25 a. m.; sets, 41 p. m.

**Moon:** New moon, first quarter, January 10.

**River Stage:** 2.6 feet above low water mark.

**Yesterday's Weather**

Highest temperature, 35. Lowest temperature, 25. Mean temperature, 30. Normal temperature, 36.

### Ready to Turn Over A New Leaf?

On New Year's—the day of new resolves—suggestions are of course in order. Here is the best one you have heard yet!

Begin turning over your new leaf right now while you have this newspaper in your hands. To be specific, turn over to the pages that contain the advertising. Glance through it. If it does not interest you, don't read it. But begin the most important step—turn over the leaf to a new and better thing.

This advertising is the news of the world's progress and your invitation to come and share in it. Just resolve that you are not going to let any good thing escape you in the year 1914.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY IS SANDWICHED TWIXT 2 BIG NOISES HERE

**Mummers' Parade This Afternoon Adds Color to City's Welcome to 1914**

New Year's Day was sort of sandwiched between two big noises. The bigger slice was on the bottom—last night was the loudest celebration the town has ever seen. This afternoon the mummers' parade added color to the noise.

The day was celebrated as a holiday in most sections of the city. Many offices, shops and stores were closed, as well as banks, schools and public offices.

Many clubs and organizations have made this day the day for open house. All have planned receptions of some sort. The Pennsylvania Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Men's Christian Association, Elks, Moose and other organizations

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### United States Minister Henry P. Fletcher Returns To His Post in Chile

*Special to The Telegraph*

Chambersburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Henry Prather Fletcher, of Greencastle and Chambersburg, sails in a few days to resume his duties as United States Minister to Chile. He is a former Rough Rider and a Republican, and came home from Santiago on a furlough, with the presumption that it might be a very lengthy one. Upon paying his respects to Secretary of State Bryan, Fletcher was given instructions bearing on future work and returns to continue his secretarial duties, as are his friends, in this proof of confidence from President Wilson and his administration. Mr. Fletcher is a brother of ex-Sheriff J. Rowe Fletcher, of Harrisburg.

### Late News Bulletins

#### FEDERAL ARMY LIKELY TO SURRENDER TO UNITED STATES TROOPS

Presidio, Texas, Jan. 1.—The surrender of the whole Mexican federal army to the United States troops is expected momentarily.

#### MITCHEL INDUCTED INTO OFFICE

New York, Jan. 1.—John Furroy Mitchell, elected mayor on the fusion ticket, was inducted into office in the City Hall at noon to-day. As he had already taken the oath, administered several days ago, the ceremonies were simple. They consisted of an address of leave-taking by the retiring mayor, Adolph L. Kline, who succeeded the late Mayor Gaynor, and a brief inaugural address by the new executive.

#### AID ASKED FOR BULGARIANS

Washington, Jan. 1.—Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria called to the American Red Cross to-day asking relief for thousands of refugees left destitute by the Balkan war. The queen's request, coupled with that of many Americans there, says thousands are homeless, shelterless, starving and freezing in the unusually cold winter weather that has swept Europe.

#### MUTINY ENDS AT GUAYMAS

Hermosillo, Mex., Dec. 31.—Via Nogales, Ariz., Jan. 1.—The mutiny of the federal garrison at Guaymas, after more than an hour's fighting among themselves, to-day ended abruptly. It was said the soldiers, after ending their internal strife, had decided to stay together at Guaymas.

#### NEW YEAR'S GIFTS FOR CHARITY.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 1.—Twelve colleges, hospitals and charitable institutions of Minnesota, nine of them in Minneapolis, are the recipients of New Year's gifts aggregating \$230,000 from David D. Stewart, of St. Albans, Me., who inherited the estate of the late Levi M. Stewart of Minneapolis, a pioneer, who died here two years ago.

### HEALTH BOARD WILL AID COMMISSIONER OF SAFETY--BOWMAN

**Commission Formally Begins Service in Advisory Capacity at Head's Request**

Harrisburg's Board of Health to-day formally began its duties as the city's health commission under the supervision of Commissioner of Public Safety Harry F. Bowman, who last evening asked the members of the board to hold over and serve him in an advisory capacity.

The board consists of James M. Lehr, Martin G. Stoner and Ed. H. Schell and Drs. James Edward Dickinson and George H. Wilder, with Dr. J. M. J. Runkle, city health officer, as secretary. It was legislated out of office, like all other boards and commissions, by the provisions of the Clark act of December 1, but it, like the other cogs in the machinery of the city's government, held over for thirty days.

Weeks ago Commissioner Bowman

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### Plays Wedding March 700 Miles From Service

*By Associated Press*

New York, Jan. 1.—An unusual division of a wedding ceremony took place last night. While Miss Mary Virginia Saxon was being married to John D. Hashagen, at the home of her parents in Augusta, Ga., Dr. William G. Carter, organist of the old First Presbyterian Church in Fifth avenue, played the wedding music in New York, 700 miles away. A sister and friend of the bride were his audience.

Miss Saxon had asked Dr. Carl who had been her music teacher to come to Augusta to play at her wedding. As the organist had to play for the special New Year's service at his church this could not be done. The partition of the ceremony was the result.

#### FLIES TO JERUSALEM

*By Associated Press*

Jerusalem, Jan. 1.—General Francis Xavier Bonnier, another French aviator making the flight from Paris to Cairo, landed near the Pool of Siloam on New Year's eve. The arrival of General Bonnier's aeroplane, the first ever seen by the inhabitants of the Holy City, created great excitement. The entire populace turned out to see the machine and welcome the aviator.

#### SHOOTS WIFE AND HIMSELF

*By Associated Press*

Pittsburgh, Jan. 1.—Andrew Miller, a mill worker, this morning shot his wife, Helen, five times and then fired a bullet into his head. The woman was fatally wounded, but at the hospital it was said Miller would recover. They had quarreled.

#### Ice Dangerously Thin on Wildwood Lake

Scores of skaters glided about on the surface of Wildwood Lake to-day for the first time this winter, although Park Superintendent V. Grant Foster declared that the ice was so thin and treacherous as to be dangerous. From an inch and a half to two inches of ice was reported and the ice of real smooth skating quality. But people are being warned of the dangerous places, however, by the park offices and by those who have supervision of the lake.

"We've had hundreds of calls since early this morning as to conditions at Wildwood," said Mr. Foster, "and we've been warning everybody that the ice is dangerous. The red flag won't be flown, of course, until the ice is of such thickness as to make skating absolutely safe."